



Brownfields 2017 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

PathStone Corporation, Arecibo, Barceloneta and Manati, PR

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities, including low-income and minority, unemployed, and underemployed individuals. To date, EPA has funded 274 job training grants totaling over \$57 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of May 2017, more than 16,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 12,000 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 73% since the program was created in 1998.

Job Training Grant

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the PathStone Corporation for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. The PathStone Corporation plans to train 55 students and place at least 40 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 62 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, pesticide safety worker protection standard, and forklift driver training. An additional 122 hours of instruction will be offered in courses on asbestos remediation, lead abatement, asbestos inspector, heavy motor vehicle with hazmat certification, and OSHA 10-hour construction safety. Participants who complete the training program can earn a total of eight state or federal certifications. The PathStone Corporation is targeting unemployed and underemployed residents of the Municipalities of Arecibo, Barceloneta, and Manati. Key partners include Toledo Engineering LLC, Vanguard Caribe Inc., Central Industrial Services, Posada de Amor y Esperanza, Gobierno Municipal de Arecibo, Municipality of Manati, One Stop Center M-D, AES International, Universidad Metropolitana, GonzalezPR.net LLC, New Robles Driving School Inc., and Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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